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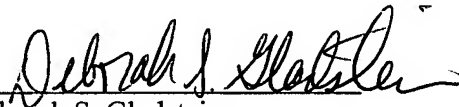
Claims 6, 7, 9 and 23-27 are pending. Claims 1-5, 8, 10-22 and 28-46 have been cancelled. Claims 6, 7 and 9 have been amended. No new matter is presented.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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